Please amend the last paragraph on page 6 to read as follows:

Another embodiment of a bone anchor according to the invention is illustrated in Figure 5. The bone anchor 22 of Figure 5 comprises a generally cone-shaped head 14 which is able to pierce and securely engage bone. The generally cone-shaped head 14 is coupled to a shaft portion 16 with an oval eyelet 38 therethrough for receiving and holding one or more suture strands. To retain the generally cone-shaped head 14 within the bone, the bone anchor 22 further comprises a collar member 20. The collar member 20 is used for retaining the bone anchor 22 in place, once it has been driven into the bone, by lodging within the bone in a manner to resist removal of the bone anchor 22.

Please amend the first and second full paragraphs on page 7 to read as follows:

The shaft portion 16 of the bone anchor 22 is generally cylindrical in shape and has the eyelet 38, or bore, formed radially therethrough proximate one of its ends. The eyelet 38 may be oval, round, or other suitable shape and is of a sufficient size to permit one or more suture strands to pass therethrough. The circumference of each outer end of the eyelet 38 is chamfered or grounded to provide a bevel portion 32. It should be appreciated that the bevel portion 32 provides a generally smooth surface for contacting suture strand which has been passed through the eyelet 38. The eyelet 38 is located on the shaft portion 16 of the bone anchor 22 such that the transverse axis of the eyelet 38 intersects the longitudinal axis of the bone anchor 22.

The generally cone-shaped head 14 of the bone anchor 22 is located at an end of the shaft portion 16 opposite the end having the eyelet 38. The apex of the generally cone-shaped head 14 is a point 24 which is suitable for piercing and being driven into bone. The diameter of the generally cone-shaped head 14 increases along a longitudinal direction from the point 24 towards the eyelet 38.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 7 to read as follows:

The collar member 20 is rotatably fitted over the shaft portion 16 to form the assembled bone anchor 22 as shown in Figure 5. While there is no need to permanently